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County Executive Abele Appoints Three Individuals to MATC Board

MILWAUKEE – Earlier today, County Executive Chris Abele voted for the appointment of three individuals to the Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) District Board, which makes policy and budgetary decisions for MATC. District Board members are appointed by a 4-person Appointment Committee made up of the Milwaukee County Chair, the Milwaukee County Executive, the Washington County Board Chair, and the Ozaukee County Board Chair.

The Appointment Committee reappointed two members and added one new member to the MATC District Board. Ann Wilson was reappointed as a community representative. Wilson is a Milwaukee resident and ten year MATC District Board member who works for the Hillside Family Resource Center. Abdulhamid Ali, a Milwaukee resident and owner of a minority-owned engineering firm, was also reappointed. The Appointment Board also appointed City of Milwaukee Alderman Ashanti Hamilton to fill the elected official Board slot. Alderman Hamilton has represented the City of Milwaukee's 1st District since 2004. Hamilton replaces City of Milwaukee José G. Pérez, who stepped down from the Board in order to spend more time with his family. County Executive Abele released the following statement on the appointments.

"Today I had the opportunity to support three individuals who bring great value to the MATC District Board and who can collectively offer a community-minded and forward-thinking perspective on the mission and vision of MATC.

Milwaukee Area Technical College is a critically important institution in Milwaukee. It educates thousands of students every year and is a crucial component of Milwaukee's jobs pipeline. MATC's student body reflects the diversity of the Milwaukee region, and it is important that its Board reflect that diversity as well.

I want to thank Milwaukee County Board Chair Theo Lipscomb, Ozaukee County Board Chair Lee Schlenvogt, and Washington County Board Supervisor Rick Gundrum for their role in strengthening the MATC District Board today.

MATC does a phenomenal job of educating students and placing them in good paying jobs. I want to do what I can to ensure that MATC grows even stronger and that as many students as possible are able to take advantage of the opportunities MATC can provide for them. In addition to appointing good District Board members, I am also a proud supporter of the MATC Promise, a new initiative that provides free college education for area high school graduates who meet program eligibility requirements. The MATC Promise will help area high school students realize their dream of attending college and preparing for a career while providing more well-trained employees for Milwaukee-area businesses.

The role of MATC District Board members is a community-serving role that involves a substantial time commitment and dedication to the mission of MATC. I want to thank Ann Wilson, Abdulhamid Ali, and Alderman Ashanti Hamilton for their dedication to our community and I look forward to working with them to further enhance the value and reach that MATC has in Milwaukee's economy."

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